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1. PRIMIN DEMIREL, ON MARCH 11, DISCUSSED WITH JOURNALISTS FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S PROSPECTIVE TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION. DEMIREL SAID THAT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN TURKISH-SOVIET RELATIONS DID NOT REPRESENT A BREAK WITH THE PAST BUT SIMPLY THE CONTINUING EVOLUTION OF TURKISH POLICIES THAT HAD EXISTED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE REPUBLIC. HE NOTED THAT THE FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE SOVIET UNION HAD COOLED AFTER WORLD WAR II, BUT WITH DETENTE, IT HAD BEGUN TO IMPROVE AGAIN. DEMIREL ALSO SAID THAT A
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POLITICAL DOUMENT WOULD NOT BE SIGNED DURING CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT, AND HE TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT ALL OF THE SPECULATION ABOUT REASONS FOR SIGNING OR NOT SIGNING SUCH AN AGREEMENT WAS ILLOGICAL.

2. TURKISH PRESS MARCH 13 GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO A TASS INTERVIEW WITH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL IN WHICH HE SAID THE

SOVIET-TURKISH BORDER HAD BECOME "A BORDER OF PEACE AND COOPERATION". CAGLAYANGIL ALSO ATTRIBUTED THE RECENT EXPANSION OF TURKISH-SOVIET RELATIONS TO THE PROCESS OF DETENTE. IN AN AIRPORT STATEMENT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THE SOVIET UNION MARCH 13, CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW, HE EXPECTED TO SIGN AGREEMENTS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A PAUSE IN POLITICAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SINCE THE VISIT OF SOVIET PRIMIN KOSYGIN IN LATE 1975. HE NOTED THAT DEMIREL HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION AT THAT TIME, BUT HAD SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION. FOR THIS REASON, CAGLAYANGIL SAID HE WAS MAKING A VISIT IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER INVITATION FROM SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO. TURKISH PRESS AND RADIO NOTED THAT CAGLAYANGIL WAS GREETED BY GROMYKO UPON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW.

3. ON MARCH 10, MFA SPOKESMAN HASAN UNER RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS PROVOKED BY THE RADIO MOSCOW COMMENTARY SUGGESTING THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE SOVIET UNION (REFTEL). UNER POINTED OUT THAT TURKISH DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF EVREN HAD VISITED THE SOVIET UNION IN 1976 AND SOVIET DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN THAT VISIT THIS SPRING. HE ALSO NOTED THAT SEVERAL TURKISH OFFICERS HAD VISITED THE SOVIET UNION TO OBSERVE AN EXERCISE IN KEEPING WITH THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI. TURKISH PRESS MARCH 11 REPORTED THAT THE SOVIET OFFICER WHO HAD BEEN DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF DURING EVREN'S VISIT HAS BEEN REASSIGNED AND THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET UNION BELIEVES A RETURN VISIT SHULD BE MADE BY THE SOVIET CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF -- A SUPPOSEDLY MORE NEARLY PARALLEL POSITION TO THE TURKISH CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF -- RATHER THAN HIS REPLACEMENT AS DEPUTY CHIEF. CARRYING THIS ARGUMENT ONE STEP FURTHER, THE PRESS SUGGESTED THAT TURKISH CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF SANCAR WOULD THEN MAKE A RETURN VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN AUTUMN 1977. MACOMBER

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